

**AUGUST 28, 2008**MICHAEL W. DOBBINS  
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT**CDY**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISIONL C Johnson(Enter above the full name  
of the plaintiff or plaintiffs in  
this action)

vs.

08CV4684

- JUDGE NORGL  
 MAG. DENLOW

Terry McCANNVenita WrightPhilip MichelSamuel NanceKeenan YoungTammy Garcia(Enter above the full name of ALL  
defendants in this action. Do not  
use "et al.")**CHECK ONE ONLY:****COMPLAINT UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, TITLE 42 SECTION 1983**  
**U.S. Code (state, county, or municipal defendants)****COMPLAINT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION ("BIVENS" ACTION), TITLE**  
**28 SECTION 1331 U.S. Code (federal defendants)****OTHER (cite statute, if known)****BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS COMPLAINT, PLEASE REFER TO "INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
FILING." FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

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I. Plaintiff(s):

- A. Name: L C Johnson  
B. List all aliases: Eric Preston  
C. Prisoner identification number: # N92369  
D. Place of present confinement: Hill Correctional Center  
E. Address: P.O. Box 1700 Galesburg IL 61402-1700

(If there is more than one plaintiff, then each plaintiff must list his or her name, aliases, I.D. number, and current address according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

II. Defendant(s):

(In A below, place the full name of the first defendant in the first blank, his or her official position in the second blank, and his or her place of employment in the third blank. Space for two additional defendants is provided in B and C.)

- A. Defendant: Terry MCCANN  
Title: Warden  
Place of Employment: N.R.C. Stateville
- B. Defendant: Venita Wright  
Title: Assistant Warden  
Place of Employment: N.R.C. Stateville
- C. Defendant: Philip Michel  
Title: Lieutenant  
Place of Employment: N.R.C. Stateville

(If you have more than three defendants, then all additional defendants must be listed according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

II. Defendant(s):

D. Defendant: Samuel NANCE

Title: Lieutenant

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

E. Defendant: KeeNAN Young

Title: Lieutenant

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

F. Defendant: TAMMY GARCIA

Title: Grievance Officer

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

G. Defendant: David MANfield

Title: Counselor

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

H. Defendant: MARK Hosey

Title: Superintendent

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

### III. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies

You are required to exhaust all your available administrative remedies before bringing an action in federal court.

A. Is there a grievance procedure available at your institution?

YES (✓) NO ( ) If there is no grievance procedure, skip to F.

B. Have you filed a grievance concerning the facts in this complaint?

YES (✓) NO ( )

C. If your answer is YES:

1. What steps did you take?

I filed A EMERGENCY grievance, TAMMY GARCIA

STATED IT WAS NOT A EMERGENCY AND WAS told by

TAMMY GARCIA, to discuss it with my COUNSELOR (EXHIBIT E)

2. What was the result?

I GAVE THE GRIEVANCE TO COUNSELOR DAVID

MANFIELD; I RECEIVE A MEMO FROM COUNSELOR

DAVID MANFIELD (EXHIBIT F)

3. If the grievance was not resolved to your satisfaction, did you appeal? What was the result (if there was no procedure for appeal, so state.)

N.R.C STATEVILLE HEARING BOARD AND GRIEVANCE

SYSTEM IS INADEQUATE. I ASK COUNSELOR

DAVID MANFIELD TO HELP ME APPEAL HE SENT

D. If your answer is NO, explain why not:

ME A ORIENTATION MAN-

UAL WITH NO INSTRUCTION. I SENT MY APPEAL

TO SPRINGFIELD ADMINISTRATION REVIEW BOARD (EXHIBIT G)

- E. Is the grievance procedure now completed? YES (✓) NO ( )
- F. If there is no grievance procedure in the institution, did you complain to authorities?  
YES ( ) NO ( )
- G. If your answer is YES:

1. What steps did you take?

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2. What was the result?

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H. If your answer is NO, explain why not:

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**IV. List ALL lawsuits you (and your co-plaintiffs, if any) have filed in any state or federal court (including the Central and Southern Districts of Illinois):**

A. Name of case and docket number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: \_\_\_\_\_

C. List all plaintiffs (if you had co-plaintiffs), including any aliases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. List all defendants: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. Court in which the lawsuit was filed (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county): \_\_\_\_\_

F. Name of judge to whom case was assigned: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

G. Basic claim made: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

H. Disposition of this case (for example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I. Approximate date of disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU HAVE FILED MORE THAN ONE LAWSUIT, THEN YOU MUST DESCRIBE THE ADDITIONAL LAWSUITS ON ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER, USING THIS SAME FORMAT. REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY CASES YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED, YOU WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FROM FILLING OUT THIS SECTION COMPLETELY, AND FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF YOUR CASE. CO-PLAINTIFFS MUST ALSO LIST ALL CASES THEY HAVE FILED.**

**V. Statement of Claim:**

State here as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe precisely how each defendant is involved. Include also the names of other persons involved, dates, and places. Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. (Use as much space as you need. Attach extra sheets if necessary.)

① Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516 deprived Plaintiff L C Johnson of, freedom of religion AND equal protection Which violated Plaintiff free exercise CLAUSE AND equal protection CLAUSE, Under the first AND fourteenth Amendment. Plaintiff is A RASTAFARIAN

On MAY-22-2007 Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516 CAME to Plaintiff cell #RW-111 At N.R.C. Stateville Correctional Center at 9:00 AM Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516 ASK Plaintiff L C Johnson have ANY body TALK to you About your hair. Plaintiff SAID yes CO Defendant Superintendent MARK HOSSEY ON April-30-2007 Plaintiff told Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516

Plaintiff L C Johnson explained to Defendant Philip Michel #2516, dread locks was A PART of his religious tenet AND A PART of his spiritual growth (EXHIBT.K) AND (EXHIBT.L) Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516 STATED I'm giving you A

direct Order to cut your hair Plaintiff L.C.  
JOHNSON STATED I CANT CUT MY HAIR MY  
HAIR IS A VOW TO GOD. DEFENDANT LIEUTENANT  
Philip Michel #2516 STATED TURN AROUND AND  
CUFF UP YOUR GOING TO SEGREGATION.

UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THERE WAS A INMATE  
WITH DREADLOCKS AT STATEVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER  
FROM APRIL-10-2002 TO JUNE-19-2007 NAME  
ADAMA NJIE #R11748. NEVER APPROACHED BY THE  
ADMINISTRATION AT STATEVILLE HE WAS TRANSFERRED  
WITH HIS DREADLOCKS. AFFIDAVIT (EXHIBIT I).

UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF A INMATE IN THE  
SAME CELL #RW-111. ELIE BERNAL #R16098D HAD  
HAIR TO HIS WAIST HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO HOGAN  
CORRECTIONAL CENTER, WITH HAIR INTACT.

- ② DEFENDANT LIEUTENANT SAMUEL NANCE #2518  
DEPRIVED PLAINTIFF L.C. JOHNSON OF FREEDOM  
OF RELIGION AND EQUAL PROTECTION WHICH  
VIOLATED PLAINTIFF FREE EXERCISE CLAUSE AND  
EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE UNDER THE FIRST  
AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT.

ON MAY-24-2007 Defendant Lieutenant Samuel NANCE #2518 CAME to Plaintiff Segregation Cell # RA-308 at N.R.C. Stateville AT 7:05AM Defendant Lieutenant SAMUEL NANCE STATED I'm giving you a direct order to cut your hair. Plaintiff L.C. JOHNSON STATED his dread locks are a vow to God (EXHIBT.K)

Defendant Lieutenant SAMUEL NANCE #2518 SAID fine AND WALKED AWAY later that day Plaintiff received a disciplinary report Offense HD3 disobeying a direct order (EXHIBT.B)

③ Defendant Superintendent MARK Hosey deprived Plaintiff L.C. JOHNSON of freedom of Religion AND equal protection which violated Plaintiff free exercise CLAUSE AND equal protection under the first AND fourteenth AMENDMENT

ON MAY-25-2007 Defendant Superintendent MARK Hosey STATED I'm going home for the holiday AND barbecue Defendant STATED when he come back if Plaintiff dont comply AND get his haircut Defendant would CALL A TACTICAL TEAM AND use force.

After Defendant Superintendent MARK Hosey left Plaintiff Segregation Cell-108 Plaintiff immediately file A emergency Grievance. EXPLAINING his religion(RASTAFARIAN) AND that his dread locks WAS A VOW to God. Plaintiff mention, that the Administration At N.C. Stateville WAS VIOLATING his First, Eight AND fourteenth Amendment.  
 (EXHIBIT.C)

(4) Defendants Assistant Warden (Venita Wright) Warden (Terry McCANN) Superintendent (MARK Hosey) Lieutenant (Keena Young) AND Lieutenant (Philip Michel) deprived Plaintiff L.C. Johnson of, freedom of religion, Due process, Cruel AND UNUSUAL punishment AND EQUAL protection. Which violated free exercise CLAUSE AND EQUAL protection CLAUSE. Under the first, Eight AND fourteenth Amendment.

ON MAY-29-2007 Defendant Superintendent MARK Hosey AND ASSISTANT Warden Venita Wright WAS the first to Arrive At Plaintiff Cell that morning

Defendant Superintendent MARK HOSSEY  
stated you have ten minutes, before I call  
the tactical team so what's it gonna  
be? Plaintiff stated; I filed a emergency  
grievance don't I get to hear the results.

That's when Defendant Lieutenant KEENAN  
YOUNG APPROACHED Plaintiff AND STATED,  
they dont have the right to cut your hair  
but the tactical team will use force if  
you dont comply AND you will be charged  
with AN ASSAULT. Plaintiff WAS SCARED AND  
NERVES, Plaintiff suffers from hypertension  
AND ASTHMA. Plaintiff WAS HANDCUFFED AND  
escorted by Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel.  
Defendant Assistant Warden Venita Wright  
STATED to Plaintiff, if Defendant Warden  
Terry McCANN Agree to let you send  
your hair home for religious REASON  
Would you WANT to? Plaintiff STATED  
yes. Plaintiff has, Request for PAYMENT  
of Postage receipt. (EXHIBIT D)

- 5 Upon information and belief, Plaintiff was brought to the Hearing Board in hand-cuffs with JERMAINE WALKER #B52757 their dreadlocks had been demolished. Plaintiff was given an improper and defective hearing. There was no civilians or administrative staff on the Hearing Board. The Hearing Board was conducted by the regular Correctional Officers.
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- 6 Upon information and belief, Plaintiff received his grievance back (JUNE-1-2007). Stating it was Not a emergency Defendant Warden TERRY-MCCANN sign the bottom (EXHIBIT.C). A memo was attach from Defendant TAMMY GARCIA stating; I issue need to be discussed with your counselor. Plaintiff gave grievance to Defendant DAVID MANFIELD. Defendant gave the grievance back to the Grievance Office. (EXHIBIT f). The grievance system is inadequate.
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- 7 Upon information and belief Plaintiff was transferred to Menard Segregation Unit and then transferred back to Stateville Segregation Unit his dreadlocks grew back and once he was discharged from Segregation

CONCLUSION

ON (Nov-22-2007) Plaintiff was put in for  
A transfer to Hill Correctional Center  
he was never approached about his dread locks  
and he was transferred with his dread locks  
intact. Plaintiff can't understand why he  
was persecuted and crucified. Plaintiff  
suffer from depression.

VI. Relief:

State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Cite no cases or statutes.

1. To be rewarded punitive damages in the amount of Five Million (5,000,000<sup>00</sup>) dollars
2. To be compensated in the amount of One million (1,000,000) dollars
3. For Federal indictments imposed upon Defendants

CERTIFICATION

By signing this Complaint, I certify that the facts stated in this Complaint are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that if this certification is not correct, I may be subject to sanctions by the Court.

Signed this 14 day of August, 2008

L C Johnson

(Signature of plaintiff or plaintiffs)

L C Johnson

(Print name)

N92369

(I.D. Number)

Hill Correctional Center

P O Box 1700

Galesburg, IL 61402-1700

(Address)

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- 7.(EX.G) INMATE (Administrative Review Board
- 8.(EX.H) Freedom Of Information Request (12-17-07)
- 9.(EX.I) AFFIDAVIT (Adam Njie #R11748) May-23-08
- 10.(EX.J) AFFIDAVIT (Jermaine Walker #B-52757) 5-30-08
- 11.(EX.K) Holy Bible(Numbers; 6 Chpt; 5:Verse) The Vow
- 12.(EX.L) REFERENCE LIBARY OF BLACK

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State of Illinois - Department of Corrections  
DISCIPLINARY REPORTPage 1 of 1 Disciplinary Report 5-22-07 Date Investigative Report \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_Committed Person: Tobias No. A 92379 Facility: Shawville WACObservation Date: 5-22-07 Time: 9:00 Location: BL 101Lt. Phil J. Michael 5-22-07 103  
Print Employee's Name Employee's Signature/Date/TimeOffense: § 403 displaying a sexual videoObservation: On the 5-22-07 at approximately time I gave inmate Tobias A 92379 a direct order to have his hair cut the instant Tobias was identified by one and he to Tomcat and was then taken to sag

Witnesses, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Use continuation page if necessary to describe observation and/or list witnesses.

 Temporary Confinement  Investigative Status Reason: Nature of ReportS. Morris 5-22-07  
Print Name Shift Supervisor's Signature and Date  
(Per Community Correctional Center, Chief Agent, CCA) Confinement Reviewed by Reviewing Officer M. Hause 5-22-07  
Print Name Signature and Date MAJOR, submitted to Adjustment Committee  MINOR, submitted to Program Unit M. Hause 5-22-07  
Print Name Reviewing Officer's Signature and Date Reviewed by Health Professional A. T. Meier 5-22-07  
(Adult Correction Major Reports Office) Print Name Signature and Date

## PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO ALL HEARINGS ON INVESTIGATIVE AND DISCIPLINARY REPORTS

You have the right to appear and present a written or oral statement or explanation concerning the charges. You may present relevant physical material such as records or documents.

## PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY REPORTS

You may ask that witnesses be interviewed and, if necessary, they may be called to testify during your hearing. You may ask that witnesses be questioned along lines you suggest. You must indicate in advance of the hearing the witnesses you wish to have interviewed and specify what they could testify to by filling out the appropriate space on this form, tearing it off, and returning it to the Adjustment Committee. You may have staff assistance if you are unable to prepare a defense. You may request a reasonable extension of time to prepare for your hearing. If you are found guilty of a serious rule violation, you may be placed in confinement and/or lose privileges, and/or be required to make restitution. In addition, juveniles may receive a delay in recommended parole.

Committed Person Refused to Sign   
A. T. Meier D. I. Meier 5-22-07 103  
Print Serving Employee's Name Serving Employee's Signature Date and Time Served

I hereby agree to waive 24-hour notice of charges prior to the disciplinary hearing.

Offense Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Committed Person's Signature and Number \_\_\_\_\_

(DETACH AND RETURN TO THE ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE OR PROGRAM UNIT PRIOR TO THE HEARING)

I would like the Adjustment Committee or Program Unit to consider calling the following witnesses regarding disciplinary report of \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Number/Cat/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness can testify to: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Number/Cat/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness can testify to: \_\_\_\_\_

ALBERTON 3000 INMATE  
6342237 JOHNSON/L.C., #923  
04/28/07 05/21/07 05/29/07

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DISCIPLINARY REPORT

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Disciplinary Report 5-24-07

Investigative Report

Committed Person: Johnson, L.C. No. N92369 Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Observation Date: 5-24-07 Time: 705 Location: NRC Unit A 308

S. Name: S. Monroe

S. Name: S. Monroe Date: 5/24/07 7:35 AM

PRINT Employee's Name

Employee's Signature/Date

Offense: P 403 Disobeying a Direct Order

Observation: On the above and approx. time, this Lt. gave Inmate Johnson N92369 a direct order. Inmate Johnson N92369 has given a direct order to cut his hair. Inmate Johnson was given a second direct order to cut his hair. This is the second time Inmate Johnson was given a chance to cut his hair. This is in accordance with A.D. 05.03.160. Inmate Johnson was I.D. by state issued I.D. card.

Witness, if any: G. D. Bragg

NOTE: Use continuation page if necessary to describe observation and/or list witness.

Temporary Confinement  Investigative Status Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT Name

Shift Supervisor's Signature and Date  
(For Community Correctional Centers, Child Adm. Div.)

Confinement Reviewed by Reviewing Officer Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT Name

Signature/Date

X MAJOR, submitted to Adjustment Committee

MINOR, submitted to Program Unit

A. I. Meier 5-24-07  
PRINT Name Reviewing Officer's Signature and Date

Reviewed by Hearing Investigator: A. I. Meier 5-24-07  
(Area Division Major Reports Only) PRINT Name Signature and Date

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Committed Person's Signature and Number  
A. I. Meier

PRINT Serving Employee's Name

Serving Employee's Signature

Date and Time Served

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Offense Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Committed Person's Signature and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Committed Person's Signature and Number

----- (DETACH AND RETURN TO THE ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE OR PROGRAM UNIT PRIOR TO THE HEARING) -----

I would like the Adjustment Committee or Program Unit to consider calling the following witness(es) regarding disciplinary report of \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Number/Cell/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness can testify to: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Number/Cell/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness can testify to: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: <u>5-25-07</u>	Committed Person: (Please Print)	<u>L C Johnson</u>	N92369
Present Facility:	Facility where grievance issue occurred:	<u>Stateville N.R.C.C.</u>	
<b>NATURE OF GRIEVANCE:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property <input type="checkbox"/> Mail Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration of Good Time <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Conduct <input type="checkbox"/> Dietary <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Transfer Coordinator			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary Report: <u>5/22/07</u>		Date of Report: <u>5/22/07</u> Facility where issued	
Note: Protective Custody Denials may be grieved immediately via the local administration on the protective custody status notification.			
Complete: Attach a copy of any pertinent document (such as a Disciplinary Report, Shakedown Record, etc.) and send to: Counselor, unless the issue involves discipline, is deemed an emergency, or is subject to direct review by the Administrative Review Board. Grievance Officer, only if the issue involves discipline at the present facility or issue not resolved by Counselor. Chief Administrative Officer, only if EMERGENCY grievance. Administrative Review Board, only if the issue involves transfer denial by the Transfer Coordinator, protective custody, involuntary administration of psychotropic drugs, issues from another facility except personal property issues, or issues not resolved by the Chief Administrative Officer.			
<b>Brief Summary of Grievance:</b> <u>ON 5-22-07 At 900AM LT. Philip J Michel came to my cell and ASK did someone TALK to me about my hair. I told him yes the Superintendent, and I explain it was part of my religion Rastafarian. LT. Philip J Michel said I'm giving you a direct order to cut your hair. I told him it was a vow between me AND God he SAID well your going to Sgn. He Violated my(1<sup>st</sup>) Amendment which States; Congress Shall make no law respecting AN &gt; over</u>			
<b>Relief Requested:</b> <u>Disciplinary action taken on the Superintendent and LT. Philip J Michel. And for me to be transferred soon as possible.</u>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check only if this is an EMERGENCY grievance due to a substantial risk of imminent personal injury or other serious or irreparable harm to self.			
<u>L C Johnson</u> <small>Committed Person's Signature</small>		<u>N92369</u>	<u>5/25/07</u> <small>Date</small>
<small>(Continue on reverse side if necessary)</small>			
<b>Counselor's Response (if applicable)</b>			
Date Received: <u>6/6/07</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Send directly to Grievance Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Outside jurisdiction of this facility. Send to Administrative Review Board, P.O. Box 19277, Springfield, IL 62704-9277		
<b>Response:</b> <u>IDOC is not mandated to transfer all NRC inmates within 720 days. IDOC has the right to enforce rules and regulations relating to safety.</u>			
<u>David Mansfield, cc1</u> <small>Print Counselor's Name</small>	<u>David Mansfield, cc1</u> <small>Counselor's Signature</small>	<u>6/6/07</u>	<small>Date of Response</small>
<b>EMERGENCY REVIEW</b>			
Date Received: <u>6/1/07</u>	Is this determined to be of an emergency nature? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes; expedite emergency grievance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; an emergency is not substantiated. Committed person should submit this grievance in the normal manner.		
<u>W. m. McCann</u> <small>Chief Administrative Officer's Signature</small>		<u>G. May</u> <small>Date</small>	

Establishment of religion or prohibiting the Free exercise thereof; or Abridging the Freedom of Speech, or of the press or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievance. It State in the NRC Orientation manual I would be transferred in 7 to 10 days they the Superintendent Kept me here in NRC more days then I should have been. LOCK down for 24 hour a day for the last 25 days AND then TRY AND FORCE AND OPTION to cut my hair or go to Seg AND lose the chance to be transferred to a Facility That violate my (8<sup>th</sup>) Amendment which State: Excessive bail shall not be imposed nor excessive fine be imposed nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted. It State nowhere in the Orientation manual about cutting my hair. My hair is CLEAN, I have NO head lites or Sores. NRC have A K-9 UNIT IF I had drugs the K-9 Should with no doubt be able to STIFF them OUT. I ~~██████████~~ <sup>sup</sup> feel NRC Administration has shown Prejudice toward the RASTAFARIAN religion and CULTURE. While I WAS writing this grievance Stop at my Separation Cell And Said he will be back to cut my hair first thing after the holiday with some guys in Orange Jumpsuits he's treating + using bully tactic's Which violate my (14<sup>th</sup>) Amendment; All person born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and of the state where in they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; Nor shall any state deprive ANY person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; Nor deny to ANY person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Date: 5/29 2007

## REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

Name (print): L.C. Johnson

I.D. No.: A92369

Housing Unit:

RA108

Please pay to: Charles McKinley

Address: 11415 S. Indiana

City Chicago State: IL Zip: 60627

The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents

and charge to my account, for \_\_\_\_\_

 APPROVED NOT APPROVED

Inmate Signature

ID No.

Assistant Warden/Superintendent/Designee

Witness

## REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

Postage requested  
in the amount of 4 dollars 54 cents Postage Paid

1163

DC 028 (09/91)

8660

## REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

I hereby request and authorize payment of postage for the attached mail.

X L.C. Johnson  
Inmate Signature

ID No. XA92369

## FOR TRUST FUND USE ONLY

Trust Fund Balance \$ 451  
Less amount of payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Current balance after payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

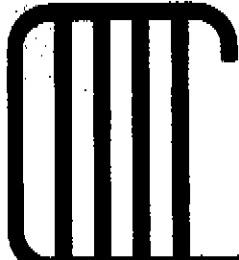
Business Office

## FOR JUVENILE DIVISION USE ONLY

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Staff) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Youth) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Illinois**  
Department of  
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Stateville Correctional Center / Rt. 53 / P.O. Box 112 / Joliet, IL 60434 / Telephone: (815) 727-3607 / TDD: (800) 526-0844

**Rod R. Blagojevich**  
Governor

**Roger E. Walker, Jr.**  
Director

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 6-1-07

TO: Johnson N92369

FROM: T. Garcia, Corr. Couns. II  
Grievance Office

SUBJECT: **ATTACHED GRIEVANCE**

The attached grievance is being returned for the following reason:

- It needs to be rewritten and submitted to your counselor on the attached Committed Person's Grievance Report.
- It was not filed within 60 days of discovery of the incident, occurrence, or problem which gives rise to the grievance as required in DR 504F, Grievance Procedures for Committed Persons.
- Issue needs to be discussed with your counselor for possible resolution.
- No issue outlined in grievance.
- It appears that no attempt has been made to resolve the issue as required by DR 504F.
- Issue is currently being reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_
- Issue previously addressed. No justification for further action.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Forward to Administrative Review Board

cc: file

NAME Johnston NO. N92369 CELL RA-108

A,B,C,D,E,F,H,I,L,P,S,T,W

The grievance office has your grievance  
so I can't copy it.

**David Mansfield,  
Counselor**

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Administrative Review Board  
Return of Grievance or Correspondence

Offender: Johnson LC N93369  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Facility: Men

Grievance (Local Grievance # (if applicable): DR 5/22/07  Correspondence  
 Received: 7/24/07 Regarding: DR 5/22/07

The attached grievance or correspondence is being returned for the following reasons:

## Additional information required:

- Use the Committed Person's Grievance Report, DOC 0047 (formerly DC 5657), including the Grievance Officer's and Chief Administrative Officer's response, to appeal.
- Provide a copy of the Committed Person's Grievance, DOC 0046 (formerly DC 5657) including the counselor's response if applicable.
- Provide date(s) of disciplinary report(s) and facility where incident(s) occurred.
- Unable to determine nature of grievance or correspondence; submit additional specific information. Please return the attached grievance or correspondence with the additional information requested to: Administrative Review Board  
Office of Inmate Issues  
1301 Concordia Court  
Springfield, IL 62794-9277

## Misdirected:

- Contact your correctional counselor regarding this issue.
- Request restoration of Good Conduct Credits (GCC) to Adjustment Committee. If request is denied, utilize the inmate grievance process outlined in Department Rule 504 for further consideration.
- Contact the Record Office with your request or to provide additional information.
- Personal property issues are to be reviewed at your current facility prior to review by the Administrative Review Board.
- Address concerns to: Illinois Prisoner Review Board  
319 E. Madison St., Suite A  
Springfield, IL 62706

## No further redress:

- Award of Meritorious Good Time (MGT) and Statutory Meritorious Good Time (SMGT) are administrative decisions; therefore, this issue will not be addressed further.
- Not submitted in the timeframe outlined in Department Rule 504; therefore, this issue will not be addressed further.
- This office previously addressed this issue on 7/24/07 Date
- No justification provided for additional consideration.

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: Melody J. Ford Melody J. Ford 8/3/07

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date: <u>7-20-07</u>	Committed Person: (Please Print) <u>L.C. JOHNSON</u>	ID# <u>N92319</u>
Present Facility: <u>Menard</u>	Facility where grievance issue occurred: <u>Stateville NRC</u>	
<b>NATURE OF GRIEVANCE:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property <input type="checkbox"/> Mail Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration of Good Time <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff Conduct <input type="checkbox"/> Dietary <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Transfer Coordinator		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary Report: <u>5/02/07</u>		Date of Report <u>5/02/07</u> Facility where issued <u>Stateville NRC</u>
<p>Note: Protective Custody Denials may be grieved immediately via the local administration on the protective custody status notification.</p> <p>Complete: Attach a copy of any pertinent document (such as a Disciplinary Report, Shakedown Record, etc.) and send to:</p> <p>Counselor, unless the issue involves discipline, is deemed an emergency, or is subject to direct review by the Administrative Review Board.</p> <p>Grievance Officer, only if the issue involves discipline at the present facility or issue not resolved by Counselor.</p> <p>Chief Administrative Officer, only if EMERGENCY grievance.</p> <p>Administrative Review Board, only if the issue involves transfer denial by the Transfer Coordinator, protective custody, involuntary administration of psychotropic drugs, issues from another facility except personal property issues, or issues not resolved by the Chief Administrative Officer.</p>		
<p>Brief Summary of Grievance: <u>ON MAY 29 Warden Wright And Superintendent Mark Hosey came to my Segregation Cell And threaten me. I'm A Rastafarian, my Dreadlocks is A vow between me AND God. I was told by Mark Hosey Are you going to get your hair cut, I stated its A religious practice he said you got 10 minutes AND then he would call a Tactical Team in AN USE force. I have Asthma AND high blood pressure I practice peace BY love. I had a Cellmate NAME Elie Bernal #R60980 his hair was to his waist</u>  <p>Relief Requested: <u>be release from Seg</u>  <u>I WANT JUSTICE for ALL Dreadlocks</u></p> </p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Check only if this is an EMERGENCY grievance due to a substantial risk of imminent personal injury or other serious or irreparable harm to self.</p>		
Committed Person's Signature		ID#
(Continue on reverse side if necessary)		
<b>Counselor's Response (if applicable)</b>		
Date Received: <u>7/20/07</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Send directly to Grievance Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside jurisdiction of this facility. Send to Administrative Review Board, P.O. Box 19277, Springfield, IL 62794-9277
Response:		
Print Counselor's Name		Counselor's Signature
		Date of Response
<b>EMERGENCY REVIEW</b>		
Date Received: <u>7/20/07</u>	Is this determined to be of an emergency nature?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes; expedite emergency grievance. <input type="checkbox"/> No; an emergency is not substantiated. Committed person should submit this grievance in the normal manner.		
<b>RECEIVED</b> <u>JUL 26 2007</u>		
Chief Administrative Officer's Signature _____ Date _____ <b>OFFICE OF INMATE ISSUES</b>		

he wasn't put in Seg he WASNT ASK to cut his hair. Rastafarian are the ONLY ONE's being deprive of spiritual growth. If we have to cut our hair everybody else should have to. The Administration shows prejudice to Rastafarian. I ask Counselor David Mansfield in Stateville NRC to [redacted] help me, I sent several request to him to SEND me a Grievance form so I could appeal he NEVER ANSWER. I NEVER got A SUMMARY they transfer me to MENARD because I refuse to cut my locks AND they gave me Six month Seg for disobeying a direct order it only carry 3 months. They cut my hair in handcuff



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

STATE OF ILLINOIS

(1)

Name of Agency <b>Stateville NRC</b>		City <b>Joliet</b>	INSTRUCTIONS: Requestor should fill out the REQUEST portion (the top half) and sign the Requestor's Signature block. Send copies 1 and 2 to the Agency. Keep the 3rd copy for reference. Send no money at this time. Unless notified otherwise the Agency's response for APPROVED, DENIED or DEFERRED will be sent back within 7 working days after receipt of the form.	
Address <b>PO Box 112</b>		Date of Request <b>12-17-07</b>	Phone Number	
Requestor's Name (Or business name if applicable) <b>LC JOHNSON N92369</b>		CERTIFICATION REQUESTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Requestor's Signature <b>LC Johnson N92369</b>
Street Address <b>PO Box 112 Statevill CC</b>	City <b>Joliet</b>	State <b>IL</b>	Zip <b>60434</b>	
DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS REQUESTED:  <b>I LCJOHNSON received two ticket MAY 22-07 AND MAY 24-07 would like A Copy of the SUMMARY</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> REQUESTING COPIES <input type="checkbox"/> TO INSPECT RECORDS				
AGENCY RESPONSE (REQUESTOR DOES NOT FILL IN BELOW THIS LINE)				
APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> The documents requested are enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> The documents will be made available upon payment of copying costs ..... \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> You may inspect the records at _____ on the date of _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> The request creates an undue burden on the public body in accordance with Section 3(f) of the Freedom of Information Act, and we are unable to negotiate a more reasonable request.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> The materials requested are exempt under Section 7 _____ of the Freedom of Information Act for the following reasons:    			
DENIED	INDIVIDUAL(S) THAT DETERMINED REQUEST TO BE DENIED  <hr/> <hr/>		RIGHT TO APPEAL  If desired, submit the attached APPEAL form (No. 2) along with copies of this original REQUEST and DENIAL and reasons for appeal to:	
DEFERRED	<input type="checkbox"/> Request delayed, for the following reasons (in accordance with 3(d) of the FOIA):   			
	You will be notified by the date of _____ as to action taken on your request.			
The information required by this form is MANDATORY in order to comply with P.A. 93-1013. Failure to so provide may result in this form not being processed. This form is approved by the Forms Management Center.		FOIA Officer	Date of Reply	

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF *Knox* )  
SS )

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Adrienne Njie #R11748 do hereby declare and affirm that the following information within this affidavit is true and correct in substance and in facts:

I am a Rastafarian with dreadlocks I was in Stateville Correctional Center from April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, I was transfer to Hill Correctional Center with my dreadlocks when the bus from Stateville Correctional Center got to Jogan Correctional Center we was put in another bus from Illinois' <sup>River</sup> Correctional Center a <sup>bus driver</sup> make some racist comment toward me saying who let me on the bus with my dreadlocks but his lieutenant told him he was gonna let Galesburg Correctional Center deal with me having dreadlocks.

Pursuant to 28 USC 1746, 18 USC 1621 or 735 ILCS 5/1-109, I declare, under penalty of perjury, that everything contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do declare and affirm that the matter at hand is not taken either frivolously or maliciously and that I believe the foregoing matter is taken in good faith.

Signed on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2008.

Adanna Njoku

**Affiant**

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF KNOX )  
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AFFIDAVIT

I, Jermaine Walker B-52757 do hereby declare and affirm that the following information within this affidavit is true and correct in substance and in facts:

First and foremost, I and (JOLC JOHNSON N92369) were deliberately deprived of our protected Civil Rights of the U.S. Constitution.  
On May 22, 2007, I was segregated, for I was exercising my RASTAFARIAN belief by refusing to cut my combed Dreadlocks. On May 24, 2007, I was issued another Disciplinary Report by (T. NANCE).  
On May 29, 2007, Warden WRIGHT, T. YOUNG, and Supt. HOSEY, on reason at all used intimidation of threats and forcibly cut my dreadlocks without any Due Process or Hearing. On May 30, 2007, I was given an improper and defective Hearing by two regular officials, and my dreadlocks were demolished the day before. As a result, I immediately filed a complaint @ ILND (Walker v. MCANN 08 C 3083)

Pursuant to 28 USC 1746, 18 USC 1621 or 735 ILCS 5/1-109, I declare, under penalty of perjury, that everything contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do declare and affirm that the matter at hand is not taken either frivolously or maliciously and that I believe the foregoing matter is taken in good faith.

Signed on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2008.

Jermaine Walker B-52757  
Affiant

# Holy Bible - King James Version

## NUMBERS 5

### The law of a Nazarite dedication offerings

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whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.

10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

11 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside,

and commit a trespass against him,

13 And a man be with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close; and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner;

14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled; or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled;

15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for a sacrifice;

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the Lord;

17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel, and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water;

18 And the priest shall set the woman before the Lord, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands; which is the jealousy offering, and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse;

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness with another instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse;

20 But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband;

21 Then the priest shall charge the woman, with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The Lord make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the Lord doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;

22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen; amen;

23 And the priest shall write these curses in

a book, and he shall blot them out with his sister; when they die, because the con-

bitter water:

24 And he shall cause the woman to do all the days of his separation the curse;

25 Then the priest shall take the curse, and if any man die very suddenly by him, he hath defiled the head of his consecra-

tion, then he shall shave his head in the day of his separation, on the seventh day shall he be defiled;

26 And on the eighth day he shall bring two pigeons, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to wave the offering before the Lord, and offer it upon the altar;

27 And when he hath made her to drink water, then it shall come to pass, that if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter:

28 And the priest shall offer the one for a burn offering, and the other for a burnt offering,

29 This is the law of jealousies, when a woman shall bring her offering unto the priest, and he shall offer his offering unto the priest, and one lamb of the first year without

blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for a burnt offering;

30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and he shall set the woman before the Lord, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law;

31 Then shall the man be guiltless of his iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity, and the priest shall bring them before the Lord, and shall offer his sin offering, and his drink offering;

32 And the priest shall shave the head of the Nazarite, and he shall take the ram for a sacrifice, and he shall offer the ram before the Lord, with the peace offerings unto the Lord, with the priest's offering, and their drink offerings;

33 And the priest shall bring them before the Lord, and the priest shall offer his sin offering, and his drink offering;

34 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of the Nazarite, and he shall take the hair of the Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the Lord.

35 He shall separate himself from wine, and strong drink, and shall drink no wine, or vinegar, of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor any grapes, or dried grapes;

36 And the priest shall wave them for a sacrifice before the Lord, this is holy for the priest.

37 All the days of his separation shall he drink water, or wine, or vinegar, of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor any grapes, or dried grapes;

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41 And the Lord said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

42 And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah;

43 And his offering was one silver chargel, and the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels.

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his separation, beside that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

24 The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

25 The Lord make his face shine upon thee:

26 And the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

## CHAPTER 7

AND IT came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;

2 That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered:

3 And they brought their offering before the Lord, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen, a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take it of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites; to every man according to his service.

5 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites,

6 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service;

7 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

8 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none; because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them was that they should bear upon their shoulders.

10 ¶ And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

11 And the Lord said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 ¶ And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab,

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**The Lost-Found Nation Of Islam In The West:  
The Black Muslims**

Pigeonholed in the 1960s as a fanatical anti-white separatist movement, the Black Muslims became, in the 1970s, a major economic and educational force in America's black community.

The Muslims are a religious organization in the sense that they worship a supreme being. (There is no God but Allah. Muhammad is His Apostle.) In addition, many of their admonitions and disciplines can be likened to the puritanism of some religious groups. Followers are expected to abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and cosmetics. Children are educated in sect-oriented schools.

After the assassination of Malcolm X, the Muslim organization was saddled with the reputation of being a fierce and fanatic hate group, fearlessly self-righteous and ready to seek vengeance and retribution for alleged wrongdoing. Since then, however, the fiery rhetoric of Elijah Muhammad has cooled, and the Messenger has displayed a keen interest in developing the Nation's economic self-sufficiency. Muslim's economic holdings extend throughout the United States and beyond, to the Caribbean and Central America.

In Chicago, where the Muslims are headquartered, The Nation manages publishing, trucking, egg, meat, baking, retailing, restaurant, and apparel manufacturing operations. Muslims also own modern cattle, dairy, poultry, and produce farms in Alabama, Georgia, and Michigan, having survived, in 1970, the poisoning of much of its Alabama herd. Value of the Nation's holdings is estimated at about \$60 million.

Starting in the early 1970s, the Nation started to alter its membership base, expanding its appeal from prisons and ghetto streets to the black middle class. Much of the reason for this was the need for professional specialists to man its growing economic ventures. However, the Muslims still reject membership and offers of help from whites, even white governments. The Nation has refused help from the United States government but has borrowed \$3 million from Libya to finance purchase of a temple in Chicago.

The Muslims also operate some 50 schools and colleges, from which whites are also excluded. The Muslim schools have an excellent reputation and frequently surpass public school systems in academic achievement.

**Rastafarians**

Rastafarians, who wear their hair in matted "dreadlocks" and smoke marijuana as part of their faith, have grown in

popularity in the United States and Britain since the sect was born in Jamaica in the 1930s. Members of the religion regard Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, who died in 1975, as God.

Marcus Garvey, a Jamaican-born nationalist who advocated a back-to-Africa movement in the United States in the early 1920s, is also a central figure in the faith. Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association in Harlem in the 1920s with the message that "Africa was for the Africans" and urged blacks to look back to the motherland, where a black King would be crowned soon. He was deported to Jamaica in 1927.

In 1930, Lij Ras Tafari Makonnen ascended to the throne of Ethiopia and took the titles of His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie I, Power of the Holy Trinity, 225th Emperor of the 3,000 year-old Ethiopian Empire, Elect of God, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Heir to the Throne of Solomon, and Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Rastafarians hailed him as Jah, the living God on earth.

Today, Rastas differ on specific dogma, but they basically believe they are descended from black Hebrews exiled in Babylon and therefore are true Israelites. They also believe that Haile Selassie is the direct descendent of Solomon and Sheba, and that God is black.

Most white men, they believe, have been worshipping a dead god and have attempted to teach the blacks to do likewise. They believe the Bible was distorted by King James I and that the black race sinned and was punished by God with slavery. They view Ethiopia as Zion, the Western world as Babylon, and believe that one day they will return to Zion. They preach love, peace, and reconciliation between races but warn that Armageddon is now.

Rastas don't vote, tend to be vegetarians, abhor alcohol, and wear their hair in long, uncombed plaits called dreadlocks. The hair is never cut, since it is part of the spirit, nor is it ever combed.

They never use the word "last" because it expresses retrogression and a Rastaman can only go forward. Marijuana is the holy herb, regarded as a sacramental gift, and the Bible is quoted as proof of this: "And thou shalt eat the herb of the field" (Gen. 3:18).

The movement in America grew rapidly in the fifties and sixties, and accelerated with the emergence of reggae musician Bob Marley, the first Rastafarian to become a pop superstar, and the 1966 visit of Selassie to Jamaica. Selassie died in 1975 and Marley died in 1981.

There are an estimated 50,000 Rastas in Britain and almost a million in the United States, approximately 80,000 of whom live in New York City, mainly in Brooklyn where there is a high concentration of West Indians and Haitians.